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NEBRASKA WEEKLY WEATHER AND CROP REPORT

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Week Ending 9-22-58

WEATHER Seasonable temperatures prevailed, with no unusual extremes. There were several sunny and windy days, with low humidity. Showers were mostly light and scattered, and occurred early in the week in the west, and Saturday evening in the east.

CROPS Another week of warm dry weather was favorable for corn and sorghums as these crops moved nearer maturity. At the end of last week, about one-fifth of the corn crop was mature and another two-thirds was dented. Only a little over 10 percent was in the dough stage. The crop is ahead of last year at this date when nearly 80 percent was dented or mature as compared with close to 90 percent this year. Some farmers with drying equipment are expecting to start harvest this week. Hybrid seed corn was being harvested in scattered sections last week. Most of the late corn is in the east central and southeast parts of the state where killing frosts usually come after the first or second week in October. Cutting of corn for silage was fairly general over the state last week.

Sorghum grain made good progress again last week. Some fields are late and still need a couple of weeks of frost-free weather. A few fields have been harvested and the grain dried artificially. Forage sorghums have made rank growth and some lodging has occurred. Soybeans are maturing nicely under the ideal ripening weather experienced.

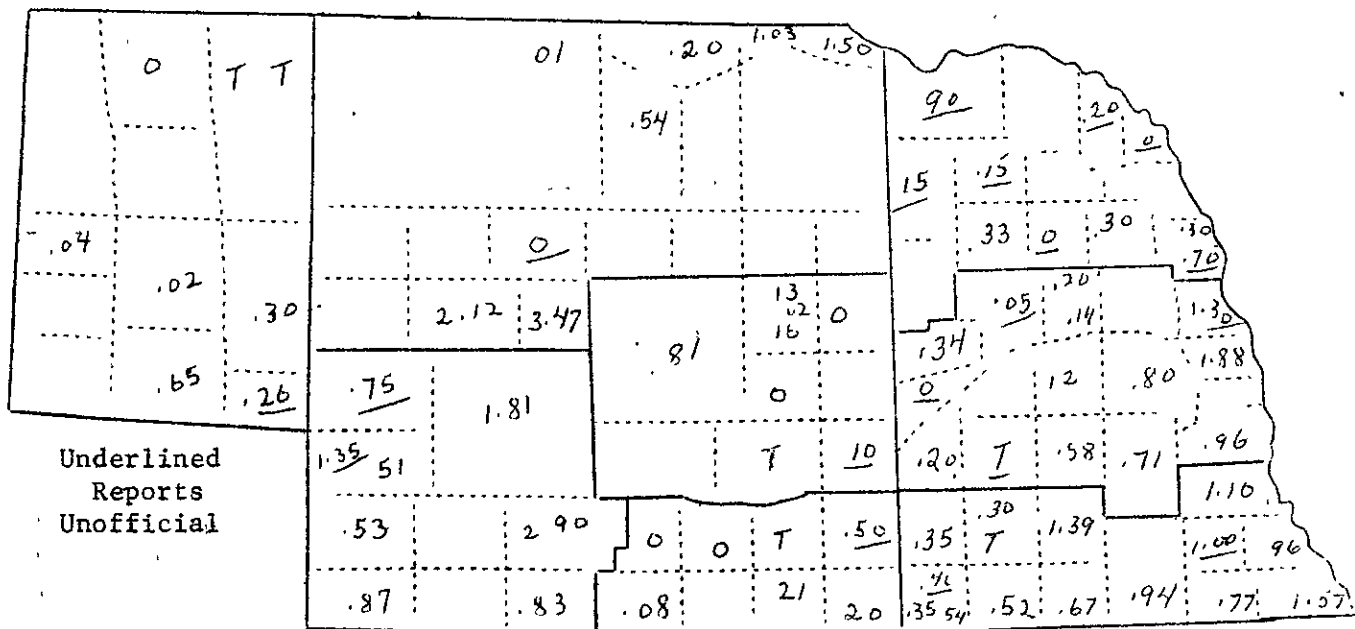
The third cutting of alfalfa is about finished. The fourth cutting is well along in most eastern counties.

Close to half of the acreage of winter wheat has been seeded. Planting is nearly finished in the western districts but barely started in some of the south-eastern counties. Rye seeding has passed the two-thirds mark and four-fifths of the fall seeding of legumes is done. Central and southeastern counties have dry surface soil conditions and need rain to give the wheat crop a good start. Most counties north of the Platte river from Kearney eastward report dry top soil and need a good rain. Subsoil moisture is short in counties bordering South Dakota which missed out on the August rains.

Sugar beets have been making good progress in recent weeks. Dry bean harvest is underway. Some good yields of excellent quality have been harvested, but yields are disappointing for some farmers.

LIVESTOCK Calves continue to put on good gains and livestock are in good to excellent condition. Marketings of feeder cattle, though increasing seasonally, are not as large as last year and well below the heavy movement two years ago. Demand for stocker and feeder cattle is high. Many eastern Nebraska cattle feeders are cautious about buying, but western ranchers have abundant range grass and hay and are in no hurry to market their cattle. Interest in expanding hog production is general throughout the eastern sections of the state.

PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPT. 22, 1958



HIGHEST AND LOWEST TEMPERATURE (Highs for 24 hours ending at 12:30 a.m., and lows for 12 hours ending at 6:30 a.m. CST)

		Sept.		16th		17th		18th		19th		20th		21st		22nd	
		Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min	Max	Min
NW	Chadron	70	41	75	47	89	59	77	47	88	53	71	32	86	52	86	52
	Scottsbluff	63	38	71	43	87	51	75	47	86	51	68	38	85	43	85	43
	Sidney	67	45	62	41	79	44	76	42	83	52	63	36	80	44	80	44
NC	Burwell	75	53	65	41	78	50	80	53	84	59	75	33	79	54	79	54
	Valentine	75	40	73	45	82	57	80	47	88	60	67	33	73	53	73	53
NE	Norfolk	78	51	63	42	77	55	79	58	82	64	79	42	79	57	79	57
	Sioux City	80	48	64	43	75	49	77	57	81	61	83	46	79	51	79	51
Cen	Grand Island	80	57	64	44	76	53	77	55	74	65	80	40	77	59	77	59
EC	Lincoln	84	58	61	48	75	54	74	58	74	65	77	51	77	60	77	60
	Omaha	81	51	59	46	73	50	73	56	76	63	73	48	74	60	74	60
SW	Imperial	74	51	60	42	73	51	78	53	84	52	75	39	73	52	73	52
	North Platte	72	51	63	43	77	52	78	52	82	56	72	35	76	54	76	54

WEATHER BUREAU TELEGRAPHIC REPORT OF PRECIPITATION FOR WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22, 1958

East		Central		West	
Grand Island	.03	Burwell	.08	Chadron	0
Lincoln	.30	North Platte	.25	Imperial	.34
Norfolk	0	Valentine	0	Scottsbluff	.01
Omaha	.80			Sidney	.27
Sioux City	0				

Precipitation, April 1 - Sept. 19, 1958

	NW	NC	NE	Cen	EC	SW	SC	SE
Total Past Week	.12	1.03	.44	.18	.65	.93	.11	.39
Total Since April 1	13.85	16.14	17.48	18.13	23.01	16.74	18.91	27.05
Long-time Avg. Since April 1	12.20	14.58	17.39	15.93	18.47	13.98	16.39	20.40